



Parent Information

- All games are on Saturday's and/or Thursday's at the YMCA, FUMCR, Woodlands, Lookout or Heights Parks in Richardson
- Your child's coach will contact you after they receive their roster at the coaches meeting on either August 21st or 24th. Practice schedules, practice locations, and uniforms will be coordinated through your coach.
- The season starts September 7th and consists of 8 games in each league. Optional end of season tournament for all 1st – 8th grade teams at no extra cost. Small Fry Thursday starts September 12th and Small Fry Saturday September 14th.
- Referees are provided for all divisions including small fry, PREK through 8th grade.
- Each child will need an age appropriate soccer ball and shin guards. Soccer cleats are optional, no baseball/football shoes with cleats on the front tip. No metal cleats. Ball sizes are as follows:
Small Fry- 1st grade size 3. 2nd – 6th size 4. 7th-8th size 5.
- Team Formation: Teams are formed based on grade, closest school, player and coach request. All requests are honored when possible. **Placement is based on availability. We cannot guarantee placement on a team by location or school, but we try our best.** Rosters are not to exceed maximum number so players get fair playing time.
- Because YMCA teams are recreational, scores are only kept for 2nd grade and up.
- Every player must play a minimum of 50% of each game.
- Players are not permitted to play in a game or practice with a team until registration has been complete. (Registration form and payment both received).
- For your child's safety, jewelry cannot be worn by players during games except for medical or religious purposes-in this case it must be taped to the body. Earrings, necklaces and bracelets must be removed. Band-Aids/tape must be placed over newly pierced ears during games.
- We do not encourage teams "running up" the score. No one benefits from, or enjoys a game when scoring is out of control.
- Teams sit on opposite sides of the fields during games. (players, coaches and spectators) 3rd grade and up teams must remain 5 feet from the sideline so the linesman can have access to the entire sideline and are able to do their job without obstruction.

- Players, coaches and spectators cannot enter the field during play for any reason without permission or invitation from the referee- example; for the purpose of assisting an injured player. In this case, all players must take a knee and coaches remain on the sideline so the referees can evaluation the situation.
- For safety purposes, no one is allowed to stand behind the goal.
- Schedules and standing are posted on Teamsideline:
<http://www.teamsideline.com/Org/Home.aspx?d=00%2fVPMn7zScOtlCWnIhB9w%3d%3d>
- Rainout information - is posted on [TeamSideline](#) as soon as information is available. If games are canceled or postponed because of weather, Teamsideline will be updated and notification sent to coaches and once a final decision is made, but no later than 7:30am on Saturday's or 4:30pm Thursday'. If games start and weather conditions change which necessitates the cancellation of later games, the website will be updated as soon as possible. We strongly encourage each coach check the website 30 minutes prior to game time for updates. If the website doesn't indicate any adverse weather conditions, postponements, or cancellation then everyone should assume that games are being played as scheduled.
- Games are canceled for the following reasons:
 - 1) It has rained for several days prior to the scheduled game and the fields are wet to the point where playing the game will destroy the playing surface.
 - 2) The presence of thunderstorms and lightning.
 - 3) It is raining at the time of the scheduled game and the temperature is low enough (38 degrees) to make conditions unbearable for the children.
- Rained out games will be rescheduled if possible however it sometimes becomes impossible to reschedule due to multiple rainouts, time constraints and remaining field availability. The presence of rain does not mean that games will be cancelled. We attempt to play all games when possible. The Sports Director, Head Referee or on location Game Officials are the only ones permitted to call off games. Coaches are not to call off games without authorization. If this occurs that game will not be rescheduled.
- All players can "play-up" a league. Players cannot "play-down" unless approved by the sports committee.
- 3 year olds can play in the in the PREK division only if a parent/guardian signs a PREK Play-Up Consent Form. Please ask the Sports Dept. for a copy.
- All parents are required to agree to the Parent Code of Conduct agreement for league unity.
- Volunteer coaches are always needed to provide leadership, guidance and FUN! We offer free coaching clinics in all age groups to help you teach the game to the kids. If interested, please contact Jean Crosby at 972-231-3424.
- USYouth Soccer Pocket Guide for Parents:
http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/parents/Soccer_Pocket_Guide_Intro/
- Additional information can be found within the Soccer Rules, Soccer FAQ's and/or soccer webpage if needed.

Youth Sports Pledge:

"Win or lose, I pledge before God to play the game as well as I know how, to obey all the rules, to be a good sport at all times, and to improve myself in spirit, mind, and body."